

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
 THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2001 - 0530 MDT
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2

CURRENT SITUATION:

Five new large fires were reported, two in Idaho, and one each in California, Colorado, and Nevada. Initial attack activity was moderate in Northern California, Northwest, Eastern Great Basin, and Southwest Areas, and light elsewhere. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas, Utah and Wyoming.

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

GREEN KNOLL, Bridger-Teton National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Carvalho) is assigned. This fire is 6 miles southwest of Jackson, WY. Extreme fire behavior and significant spotting was observed as the fire moved northeast, crossing Mosquito Creek near Cottonwood road. A unified command with Teton County Fire Department has been established. Mandatory evacuations were declared for the Indian Paintbrush, Crescent H Ranch subdivisions and other residences along Fall Creek road. Fall Creek road has been closed to public access.

SNOWSHOE, Salmon-Challis National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) is ordered and will transition at 0900 on 7/26. This fire is 25 miles northwest of Stanley, ID. Steep terrain, limited access, and heavy fuel loading are hampering containment efforts. Spotting up to one eighth of a mile ahead of the front was observed and the fire remains active on the south and east flanks.

SAGE, Sawtooth National Forest. This fire, burning in grass, sagebrush and timber, is 3 miles west of Ketchum, Idaho on Bald Mountain. The fire made significant runs, with torching and spotting being observed. Approximately 150 structures were threatened yesterday afternoon. The Adams Gulch trailhead was closed

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC	LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
GREEN KNOLL	WY	BTF	1900	10	UNK	693	19	18	10	0		1.6M
SNOWSHOE	ID	SCF	100	0	UNK	170	7	0	4	0		NR
SAGE	ID	STF	250	0	7/26	194	5	13	4	0		NR

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

MAD CREEK, Routt National Forest. This fire is in the Mount Zirkel Wilderness Area, 11 miles north of Steamboat Springs, CO. The fire made significant runs in heavy blow down, and extreme fire behavior due to passing thunderstorms was observed. Additional resources have been

ordered.

ECKLUND COMPLEX, Little Snake Field Office, BLM. A Fire Use Management Team (Cook) is assigned. This complex of lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fires is in the Diamond Breaks Wilderness Study Area, 50 miles east of Vernal, UT. The Ecklund and Davis Draw fires are burning in very steep and rugged terrain. Occasional torching was observed on the Ecklund fire. The Davis Draw fire will be placed in monitoring status later today.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
MAD CREEK	CO	RTF	390	0	UNK	28	1	0	1	0	NR
ECKLUND COMPLEX	CO	LSD	3244	0	10/1	88	2	4	2	0	362K

WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

TABOR CREEK, Elko Field Office, BLM. This fire, burning in grass and sagebrush, is 13 miles north of Metropolis, NV. The southwest flank of the fire is actively burning on a plateau and in rolling hills. No control problems are anticipated at this time.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
TABOR CREEK	NV	EKD	1000	5	7/29	99	3	6	1	0	NR

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BRICEBURG, Madera-Mariposa-Merced Ranger Unit, California Department of Forestry. This fire is located near Highway 140, 15 miles east of Mariposa, CA. Gusty winds, steep slopes, and heavy fuel loading are impeding containment efforts. Numerous primary residences and outbuildings were threatened late yesterday.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BRICEBURG	CA	MMU	300	15	7/26	934	24	21	6	0	437K

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES

PINE, Prescott National Forest. This lightning caused fire, which started on 7/2, is in the Pine Mountain and Cedar Bench Wilderness Areas, 18 miles southeast of Camp Verde, AZ. The fire was very active in decadent stands

of chaparral, making short runs with some torching. A confinement strategy is in place and the fire remains well within the identified containment area.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
PINE	AZ	PNF	7400	0	UNK	45	1	3	0	0	30K

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

BASIN, Shasta-Trinity National Forest. This fire, burning in timber and mixed brush, is 35 miles southwest of Redding, CA. Acreage change is due to better mapping. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
BASIN	CA	SHF	80	50	UNK	236	11	4	1	0	100K

EASTERN AREA LARGE INCIDENTS:

NEW RIVER FLOOD, New River Gorge National River. This incident, near Glen Jean, WV, has transitioned to a local Type 3 organization to assist with recovery operations. Technical Specialists continue to identify serious hazards and make damage assessments of cultural sites and natural resources. Road crews are repairing the Thayer River access road. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOSS	\$\$\$ C-T-D
NEW RIVER FLOOD	WV	NRP	---	---	UNK	41	0	0	0	0	148K

OUTLOOK:

*** A FIRE WEATHER WATCH HAS BEEN POSTED IN PORTIONS OF SOUTHWEST AND CENTRAL WYOMING FOR DRY FUELS, INCREASING WINDS, VERY WARM TEMPERATURES, AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY ***

High pressure over Nevada and an upper level low over Utah will bring partly cloudy to mostly sunny skies to the Great Basin. Scattered, wet thunderstorms are forecast for most of Utah with isolated, mainly dry thunderstorms in northeast Nevada and northwest Utah. High temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's in the mountains, 80's to 100 at lower

elevation, and 90 to 110 in the southern deserts. Minimum relative humidity will range from 5 to 15 percent in Nevada and 15 to 20 percent in the lower elevations of Utah. Winds will be south to west at 5 to 20 mph.

High pressure over California will bring sunny skies to the area with isolated thundershowers in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. High temperatures will be in the 60's and 70's along the coast, 80's and 90's inland, and 100 to 110 in the southern deserts and northern inland areas. Minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 25 percent inland, and winds will be south to west at 8 to 18 mph.

A weak upper level low over Utah and high pressure over central Texas will bring sunny, hot, and dry conditions to the Southwest. Scattered thunderstorms are forecast for portions of the Texas panhandle, much of New Mexico and northeastern Arizona. High temperatures will be in the 70's and 80's in the mountains, with 90 to 110 in the lowland deserts. Minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 20 percent in west Texas and east New Mexico, and 15 to 30 percent elsewhere. Winds will be south to west at 5 to 20 mph.

A southwest flow continues to bring monsoonal moisture to the Rocky Mountain Area. Partly cloudy to mostly sunny skies with isolated to scattered afternoon and evening thundershowers are expected. High temperatures will be in the 60's and 70's in the mountains, and upper 70's to low 80's at lower elevation. Minimum relative humidity will range from 10 to 15 percent in southwest Wyoming, 20 to 30 percent in west Wyoming and northern Colorado, and 30 to 40 percent in southern Colorado. Winds will be west to southwest at 5 to 15 mph, except 15 to 25 mph in southwest Wyoming.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES						0
ALASKA	ACRES						0
NORTHWEST	FIRES				15	6	21
NORTHWEST	ACRES				36	2	38
CA-NORTH	FIRES				13	14	27
CA-NORTH	ACRES				42	52	94
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				16	2	18
CA-SOUTH	ACRES				120	1	121
NORTHERN	FIRES	1			2	3	6
NORTHERN	ACRES	5			0	1	6
GB-EAST	FIRES	11			4	5	20
GB-EAST	ACRES	1			5	945	951
GB-WEST	FIRES	1			2		3
GB-WEST	ACRES	4			1000		1004
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	9	1		11	12	33
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	8	0		280	1	289
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		2		3	4	9
ROCKY MTN	ACRES		16		6	241	263
EASTERN	FIRES				121		121
EASTERN	ACRES				77		77

NORTHERN	FIRES						1	1
NORTHERN	ACRES						0	0
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
GB-EAST	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES							0
GB-WEST	ACRES							0
SOUTHWEST	FIRES						4	4
SOUTHWEST	ACRES						85	85
ROCKY MTN	FIRES							0
ROCKY MTN	ACRES							0
EASTERN	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES				1			1
SOUTHERN	ACRES				300			300
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	1	7	9
TOTAL	ACRES	0	0	0	300	3	85	388

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA	FIRES		1	1		3	1	6
ALASKA	ACRES		5	745		449	1081	2280
NORTHWEST	FIRES	17	63	9			304	393
NORTHWEST	ACRES	4356	5099	7194			45032	61681
CA-NORTH	FIRES	20	6	1	1		41	69
CA-NORTH	ACRES	262	100	360	10		9512	10244
CA-SOUTH	FIRES		2	2	2		41	47
CA-SOUTH	ACRES		12	160	174		5498	5844
NORTHERN	FIRES	18	7	81		44	300	450
NORTHERN	ACRES	1723	5840	10268		4309	29876	52016
GB-EAST	FIRES		7	4	3	9	40	63
GB-EAST	ACRES		817	1890	177	1490	8874	13248
GB-WEST	FIRES		4		1		2	7
GB-WEST	ACRES		604		0		182	786
SOUTHWEST	FIRES	12	25	11		2	175	225
SOUTHWEST	ACRES	2177	21172	35634		500	52709	112192
ROCKY MTN	FIRES	2	19	91	3	2	48	165
ROCKY MTN	ACRES	2500	4392	13582	303	762	26684	48223
EASTERN	FIRES	10		67	10	319	126	532
EASTERN	ACRES	8641		17828	1355	43798	16085	87707
SOUTHERN	FIRES	12		175	13	145	877	1222
SOUTHERN	ACRES	1408		51498	30099	87919	701982	872906
TOTAL	FIRES	91	134	442	33	524	1955	3179
TOTAL	ACRES	21067	38041	139159	32118	139227	897515	1267127

WILDLAND FIRE USE (WFU) FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
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ALASKA	FIRES							0
ALASKA	ACRES							0
NORTHWEST	FIRES					1		1
NORTHWEST	ACRES					1		1
CA-NORTH	FIRES							0
CA-NORTH	ACRES							0
CA-SOUTH	FIRES				26	7		33
CA-SOUTH	ACRES				16	0		16
NORTHERN	FIRES				7	9		16
NORTHERN	ACRES				0	5		5
GB-EAST	FIRES							0
GB-EAST	ACRES							0
GB-WEST	FIRES		14					14
GB-WEST	ACRES		854					854
SOUTHWEST	FIRES				2	19		21
SOUTHWEST	ACRES				448	7185		7633
ROCKY MTN	FIRES		4	1	2	8		15
ROCKY MTN	ACRES		2803	48	934	152		3937
EASTERN	FIRES							0
EASTERN	ACRES							0
SOUTHERN	FIRES							0
SOUTHERN	ACRES							0
USA TOTALS	FIRES	0	18	1	37	0	44	100
USA TOTALS	ACRES	0	3657	48	1398	0	7343	12446

CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

Provinces	Fires Last Week	Hectares Last Week	Fires Year-to-date	Hectares Year-to-date
BRITISH COLUMBIA	10	1	795	2713
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	58	15651
ALBERTA	4	2	733	151500
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	1	3983	91	74876
SASKATCHEWAN	5	20733	593	166004
MANITOBA	2	2	396	69707
ONTARIO	25	63	665	8849
QUEBEC	7	50	573	12146
NEWFOUNDLAND	0	50	103	347
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	270	394
NOVA SCOTIA	0	2	259	215
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	9	22
NATIONAL PARKS	1	267	53	7650
TOTALS	56	25153	4598	510074

RESOURCE STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

Area	Crews	Crews	Engs	Engs	Heli	Heli	Airt	Airt	Ovrhd	Ovrhd
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	Fed	ST/OT								
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	15	14	9	15	3	11	1		244	84
CA-NORTH	8		10		1					
CA-SOUTH	12	18	13	17	6	4			4	55
NORTHERN			3		1					
GB-EAST	36	4	24	18	16	8	5		176	34
GB-WEST	1	5	10	3	4				5	
SOUTHWEST	6		6	1	3	1			10	4
ROCKY MTN	4		10	2	3	2	3		15	1
EASTERN									42	
SOUTHERN										
TOTAL	82	41	85	56	37	26	9	0	496	178

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